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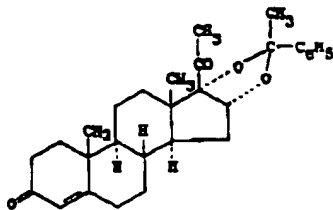
## Algestone Acetophenide

0.7 in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). Prepn: Cooley et al. loc cit; Fried et al. *Chem. & Ind. (London)* 1961, 465.

16 $\alpha$ -Methyl ether,  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_6$ , 17-hydroxy-16 $\alpha$ -methoxy-pregn-4-ene-3,20-dione. Crystals from 95% ethanol, mp 142-143°.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +60^\circ$  ( $c = 0.15$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). uv max: 234 nm ( $\epsilon 19,400$ ). Prep'd from the free diol via 16 $\alpha$ ,17-dihydroxy-pregn-4-ene-3,20-dione cyclic borate: Fried, U.S. pat. 3,006,930 (1961 to Olin Mathieson).

Therap CAT: Acetonide as a topical anti-inflammatory.

228. Algestone Acetophenide. 16 $\alpha$ ,17-Dihydroxy-pregn-4-ene-3,20-dione cyclic acetonide with acetophenone; 16 $\alpha$ ,17-dihydroxyprogesterone acetophenide; alphascope acetophenide; P-DHP; Bovitol; Deladroxone; Drozone.  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{46}\text{O}_6$ , mol wt 448.58. C 77.64%, H 8.05%, O 14.27%. Prepn: Fried et al. *Chem. & Ind. (London)* 1961, 465. Manuf: Fried and Fried, Dassi, U.S. pats. 2,941,997-8 and 3,006,958 (1960 and 1961, all to Olin Mathieson).



Crystals from 95% ethanol, mp 150-151°.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +51^\circ$  ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). Stable to boiling mineral acids; readily cleaved by warming with formic acid, with subsequent deformylation.

Therap CAT: Progestin; contraceptive.

229. Algin. Alginate acid sodium salt; sodium alginate; sodium polymannuronate; Kelgin; Minus; Protanal. A gelling polysaccharide extracted from giant brown seaweed (giant kelp, *Macrocystis pyrifera* (L.) Ag., *Laminariales*) or from horsetail kelp (*Laminaria digitata* (L.) Lamour, *Laminariales*) or from sugar kelp (*Laminaria saccharina* (L.) Lamour). Process of manuf: Tenc, *Chem. Met. Eng.* 52, 97 (1945); Mastell, *The Water-Soluble Gums* (New York, 1947); Green, U.S. pat. 2,636,934 (1916 to Kelco); Gloabec, Harter, U.S. pat. 2,128,551 (1938 to Algin Corp. of America). For refs to structural studies see Alginic acid. Review: McNeely, Pettit, in *Industrial Gums*, R. L. Whistler, Ed. (Academic Press, New York, 2nd ed., 1973) pp 49-81.

Cream-colored powder. Sol in water, forming a viscous, colloidal sol; insol in alcohol and in hydro-alcoholic solns in which the alcohol content is > 30% w/w. Insol in chloroform, ether, in aq acid solns when the pH is below 3.

USE: In the manufacture of ice cream where it serves as a stabilizing colloid, insuring creamy texture and preventing the growth of ice crystals. In drilling sands; in coating; in the flocculation of solids in water treatment; as sizing agent; thickener; emulsion stabilizer; suspending agent in soft drinks; in dental impression preparations.

Therap CAT: Pharmacologic aid (suspending agent).

230. Alginic Acid. Norgine; polymannuronic acid. Mol wt about 240,000. A hydrophilic, colloidal polysaccharide obtained from seaweeds which, in the form of mixed salts of calcium, magnesium, and other bases, makes up a large portion of cell walls. Isola from fronds of *Laminaria digitata* (L.) Edmonson, *Laminariales*; Stanford, *J. Chem. Soc.* 44, 943 (1883); Bird, Haas, *Biochem. J.* 28, 403 (1931); from *Macrocystis pyrifera* (L.) C. Ag., *Laminariales*; Nelson, Cretcher, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 51, 1914 (1929). Structure: Hirst et al., *J. Chem. Soc.* 1939, 1880; Astbury, *Nature* 155, 667 (1945); Chanda et al., *J. Chem. Soc.* 1952, 1833; can be regarded as a family of polymers containing varying proportions of D-mannuronic acid and L-guluronic acid linked through the 1- and 4-positions: Hirst et al., *ibid.* 1964, 1493; Hirst, Rees, *ibid.* 1963, 1182. Review: Stelner, McNeely, "Algin in Review" in *Advances in Chemistry Series No. 11, Natural Plant Hydrocolloids* (Am. Chem. Soc., Washington, 1954) pp 68-82.

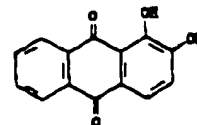
Very slightly sol in water. Tasteless. Capable of absorbing 200-300 times its weight of water and salts to the extent

of 60%. Resists hydrolysis. Sol in alkaline solns. pH of a 3 in 100 suspension in water is between 2.0 and 3.4.

Potassium salt. Stero-type.

USE: Sizing paper and textiles; as binder for briquettes; manuf artificial horn, ivory, celluloid; emulsifying mineral oils; mucilage. Additional uses are described under Algin.

231. Alizarin. 1,2-Dihydroxy-9,10-anthracenedione; 1,2-dihydroxyanthraquinone; C.I. Mordant Red 11; C.I. Pigment Red 83; C.I. 58000.  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_8\text{O}_4$ , mol wt 240.20. C 69.98%, H 3.36%, O 26.64%. Occurs in the root of the madder plant (*Rubia tinctorum* L., *Rubiaceae*; Knappwurst) in combination with 2 mols glucose, called ruberythric acid. Was known and used in ancient Egypt, Persia, and India. Synthesized from 2-anthraquinonesulfonic acid sodium salt by fusion with alkali: Caro et al., *Ber.* 3, 359 (1870); Perkin, *Ber.* 9, 281 (1876). Historical review: Fieser, *J. Chem. Ed.* 7, 2609 (1930). Laboratory prep'n from above ingredients plus potassium chlorate: Gattermann-Wieland, *Laboratory Methods of Organic Chemistry* (New York, 1937). Modern methods of manufacture in monograph by Pohl (*Ullmann's Enzyklopädie der technischen Chemie* vol. 1, p 200) and in Fieser-David and Blangy, *Grundlegende Operationen der Farbenchemie* (Vienna, 5th ed., 1943). See also *Colour Index* vol. 3, (2nd ed.) p 3471.



Orthorhombic, orange needles by sublimation or from absolute alcohol. Solvated scales from dil alcohol or by evaporation from ether. Sublimes at 110° (2 mm Hg), mp 290°, bp 430°. Absorption spectrum: *Molr. J. Chem. Soc.* 1927, 1810. Solubility in water at 18°:  $2.1 \times 10^{-4}$  mols/l; at 25°:  $2.5 \times 10^{-4}$  mols/l. Soluble in 300 parts boiling water; moderately sol in alcohol, freely in hot methanol and in ether at 25°. Also sol in benzene, toluene, xylene, pyridine, carbon disulfide, glacial acetic acid. Sol in water solns of alkalis with blue color, but without fluorescence. Fluorescent solns indicate unchanged 2-anthraquinone sodium sulfonate.

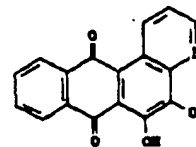
1-Methyl ether,  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4$ , orange needles with 1H<sub>2</sub>O from dil methanol. When dried at 100° mp 179°.

2-Methyl ether,  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4$ , orange needles from alcohol, mp 231°.

Dimethyl ether,  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4$ , golden-yellow needles from alcohol, mp 215°.

USE: In the manufacture of acid and chrome dyes for wool; acid-base indicator (in 0.5% alcoholic soln; pH: yellow 5.5, red 6.8); in spot tests as reagent for aluminum, indium, mercury, zinc, and zirconium; biological stain.

232. Alizarine Blue. 5,6-Dihydroxyanthra[2,3-f]quinoline-7,12-dione; 7,8-dihydroxy-5,6-phthalylquinoline; Alizarin Blue R; C.I. 67410.  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_4$ , mol wt 291.25. C 70.10%, H 3.12%, N 4.81%, O 21.97%. Prepn from 3-nitro-alizarin, glycerol, and concd sulfuric acid: Auerbach, *J. Chem. Soc.* 38, 799 (1879).



Lustrous brownish violet needles from benzene, mp 268-270°. Practically insol in water; sparingly sol in alc, ether; slightly sol in cold benzene; sol in amyl alcohol, glacial acetic acid, hot benzene.

USE: As indicator in saturated alcoholic soln. pH: pink 0.0 to yellow 1.6; yellow 6.0 to green 7.6.

233. Alizarin Orange. 1,2-Dihydroxy-3-nitro-9,10-